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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: August 19, 2013

RE: Park Improvements as of 2013

Dear Board Members:

The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department continues to focus on Special Events and finalizing seasonal projects. The dry weather has begun to take a toll on trees and landscaping. We are performing supplemental watering throughout the park system.

**PARKS**

**Grand Junction Park/Plaza**

Contract approval for the demolition of six properties in downtown is on your agenda today. The utility disconnections have been removed from the project and will be completed before the demolition starts.

**Freedom Trail Park**

The shade sail structure has been installed at Freedom Trail Park over the sand table area.

Football has begun and to date we have not had any complaints.

The gate at Freedom Trail continues to give us trouble. We are now working with a new company to evaluate if this mechanism can be salvaged.

## **Asa Bales Park**

John Semler completed his Eagle Scout project in Asa Bales Park this month. He built a cover swing along the trail in the park. His project provides a nice additional amenity to the park.

## **TRAILS**

### **Monon Trail**

#### 161<sup>st</sup> Street Tunnel:

Halverson Construction has begun Phase 1 of the tunnel. The project completion date is mid-October.

## **EVENTS**

**Movies in the Park** continue to bring many families to Asa Bales Park. Attendance has ranged between 400-600 each week. We have two more nights scheduled: August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Voices from the Past** is all set to go. The walking historic tour in the Anti-Slavery Cemetery in Asa Bales Park and Old Friends Cemetery Park will take place on September 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased on line.

**Grand Junction Derby** is set for Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 3PM to 7PM. The event includes the derby race, tricycle race, kid's area, food vendors, Sun King Brewery and live music. The committee has been working hard and we are ready to go.

**Westfield in Bloom Celebration** is set for Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event recognizes all those people and organization that have been involved with any WIB activity in 2013. Wood Wind Golf Club donates their facility for the evening. We feel it is important to thanks all of those folks who have worked hard to make Westfield a better place to live.

Plans for **Westfield in Lights** are being finalized. The date is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We are planning more entertainment on stage and other expanded offering. More details to come.

Please save the date for these great Westfield community events.

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